

House Resolution No. 305

Whereas, Jill A. McGuire has attained considerable distinction as the executive director of the Regional Arts Commission, an organization which is the area's largest annual financial underwriter of the arts and is dedicated to the cultivation, promotion, and fostering of cultural programming in metropolitan Saint Louis; and

Whereas, the former Executive Assistant to Mayor Vince Schoemehl with whom she worked to create the Regional Arts Commission in 1985, Jill McGuire also holds the duties and responsibilities of Community and Cultural Policy Instructor as an adjunct professor for the Master of Arts Administration Program at Webster University; and

Whereas, in the fall of 2003, Jill McGuire, her staff, and the board of the Regional Arts Commission opened the organization's new home and site of the area's first Cultural Resource Center, a four-story facility featuring a large, flexible space designed to accommodate administrative and artistic needs of the arts community; and

Whereas, Jill McGuire will enhance her already impressive record of achievement when she receives a 2005 Missouri Arts Award in the area of Leadership in the Arts from the Missouri Arts Council; and

Whereas, Missouri Arts Awards are sponsored by the Missouri Arts Council, the state's grant making agency for the arts which provides nearly \$3 million in assistance to nonprofit organizations throughout Missouri; and

Whereas, a division of the Missouri Department of Economic Development, the Missouri Arts Council is the second oldest, state-funded arts agency in the country; and

Whereas, the Missouri Arts Council was founded in 1965 to encourage and stimulate the growth, development, and appreciation of the arts in Missouri and is overseen by a fifteen-member Board which consists of volunteer citizens from across the state who are appointed by the Governor; and

Whereas, Governor Matt Blunt and First Lady Melanie Blunt will present Jill McGuire with her Missouri Arts Award on Wednesday, February 9, 2005, in the Capitol Rotunda in Jefferson City:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Jill McGuire for a 2005 Missouri Arts Award in the area of Leadership in the Arts and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of her splendid efforts on behalf of the visual and performing arts and our sincerest best wishes for continued success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Jill A. McGuire of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Rachel Storch
District No. 64

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 305, adopted January 31, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker